

# Site Cleanup Documents Available for Public Review and Comment



A PUGET SOUND INITIATIVE Site

Reaching the goal of a healthy, sustainable Puget Sound

## Ecology Wants Your Input!

The Department of Ecology is asking for your comments on a new proposed agreement to study a site on Puget Sound for cleanup. The Weyerhaeuser Mill A Former Site is one of several properties located on the waterfront that have been identified for cleanup under the state's Puget Sound Initiative.

The Weyerhaeuser Mill A Former Site is located at 3500 Terminal Avenue in Everett, Snohomish County, Washington.

You are invited to:

- **Review** the Agreed Order and Public Participation Plan.
- **Send** your comments to Ecology for consideration.  
Comments will be accepted *June 18 to July 20, 2012*.

See the box on the right for details about where to review documents and submit comments.

## Site Background

The area comprising the Weyerhaeuser Mill A Former Site was first developed in the late 1800s. Historical industrial activities at the Site included pulp manufacturing, saw milling, ship building, shingle milling, and log handling. While operating as a sulfite pulp mill, the facility produced about 300 tons of pulp per day. All pulping operations at the Site ceased in 1980. The Port of Everett (Port) purchased the property in 1983 for development. The Site is currently being used by the Port for break bulk and container cargo handling.

### Comments Invited

June 18 – July 20, 2012

### Submit Comments and Technical Questions to:

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### Document Review Locations

#### Everett Public Library

2702 Hoyt Avenue  
Everett, WA 98201  
Phone: (425) 257-8000  
Hours: Mon. – Wed. 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.  
Thurs. – Sat. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
Sun. 1 - 5 p.m.

#### Department of Ecology

##### Headquarters

300 Desmond Drive SE  
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By appointment only:  
Contact Carol Dorn  
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(360) 407-7224

#### Weyerhaeuser Mill A Former Website

<https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/gsp/Sitepage.aspx?csid=2146>

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## Weyerhaeuser Mill A Former Site

Investigation activities have been conducted at the Site, which includes both upland and in-water areas, since the 1980s and most recently in 2007 and 2009. The following sediment contaminants have been found on the Site:

- Metals (arsenic, cadmium, copper, lead, mercury, zinc)
- Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAHs)
- Polychlorinated Biphenyls and Semivolatile Organic Compounds (PCBs and SVOCs)

The following contaminants have also been found in upland soils and/or groundwater, exceeding MTCA cleanup levels:

- Metals (arsenic, copper, nickel)
- PAHs
- Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons (TPHs)
- SVOCs

### Overview of the Agreed Order

The proposed agreement, called an Agreed Order, is a legal document among Ecology and the Port, Weyerhaeuser and DNR, and the Potentially Liable Persons, or PLPs, at the Site.

The Agreed Order describes the studies that the PLPs agree to perform on the Site.

The Agreed Order covers the following studies and documents:

- **Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study (RI/FS)** – It explains the work needed to look for and analyze contamination at the Site.

- **Draft Cleanup Action Plan (DCAP)** – It uses RI/FS information to identify a preferred cleanup action and a schedule to remediate the contamination.

### Overview of the Draft Public Participation Plan

Ecology and the PLPs are committed to providing the public with timely information and meaningful opportunities to participate in the cleanup process. As part of this commitment, Ecology and the PLPs agreed to provide a Public Participation Plan. This draft Plan outlines how citizens and interested parties can learn about and provide input on the cleanup.

Your comments and ideas are needed to improve the cleanup. The Public Participation Plan explains how Ecology will do the following:

- Notify the public when and where documents are available for review and comment.
- Notify the public about how they can get involved.
- Provide public participation opportunities.
- Consider public comments in cleanup decisions.



## Weyerhaeuser Mill A Former Site

### Why This Cleanup Matters

#### Protecting and restoring Puget Sound

Governor Chris Gregoire and the Washington State Legislature established the Puget Sound Initiative to protect and restore Puget Sound. Several baywide areas in the Sound have been identified as high-priority cleanup areas as part of this Initiative, including Port Gamble, Dumas Bay, Padilla and Fidalgo Bays, Port Angeles, Budd Inlet, and Port Gardner Bay. This work includes cleaning up 50-60 sites within one-half mile of the Sound. One of these sites is the Weyerhaeuser Mill A Former. These cleanup actions will help to reduce pollution and restore habitat and shorelines in Puget Sound.

For more information about other cleanup sites, go to:

[http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites\\_brochure/psi/overview/psi\\_baywide.html](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites_brochure/psi/overview/psi_baywide.html)

### What Happens Next?

Once the public comment period ends on July 20, Ecology will review and consider all comments received. The Agreed Order and Public Participation Plan may be modified based on your comments. As future documents on the Site are developed, you will be notified of additional public comment periods.

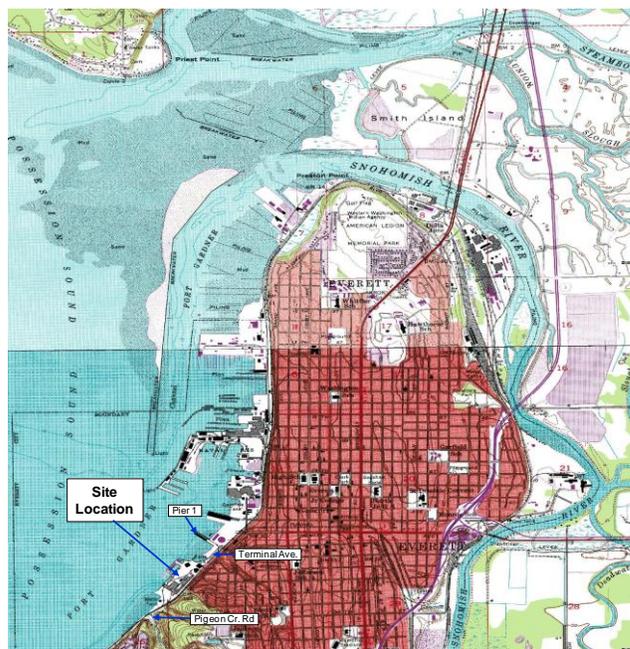
For information about other Ecology public comment periods, meetings, and other events, please visit Ecology's public events calendar at:

<http://apps.ecy.wa.gov/pubcalendar/calendar.asp>

### What can you do?

1. Read about the cleanup in this handout.
2. To get more detailed information, review the supporting documents at the locations listed on page one.
3. Write down your comments and questions. Send them to the Department of Ecology at the address shown on page one.

**We appreciate your comments and concerns.  
Thank you.**



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